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42nd Annual Summer Meeting Held in Sonoma, California

By Dr. Dan Rejman

After cancelled meetings the last two summers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 42nd annual meeting of the College took place on July 22-25 in Sonoma. The theme was **"Glass Half Empty or Half Full"** and the turnout was wonderful! You could feel the amazing energy, and everyone seemed to be grateful to be learning and laughing in-person again. A special thank you to Past Presidents Dr. Bruce Goldstein and Dr. Robert Vaught, who organized our two previous conferences that were rescheduled.

The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn in Sonoma was an excellent venue for the College Annual Meeting. The pool, beautiful grounds and fun excursions offered our younger guests many options, while the wineries, world class spa and phenomenal food provided adults with options for respite. The weather could not be beat, with cooler breakfasts on the lawn and warm afternoons and evenings for socializing outdoors.

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2022 College Meeting attendees.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dr. Linda E. Rigali

It is my pleasure to be the new President of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. I am extremely fortunate to have studied under one of our professions greatest, Dr. Anthony "Tony" Gianelly at Boston University, graduating in 1986. In fact, to this day, I still practice the bidimensional technique. I will never forget the first day one of my orthodontic residency. Dr. Gianelly sat us all down and exclaimed that we were about to enter the best profession in the world. How right he was!

Being from Western Massachusetts, my husband Jim, a general dentist, and I decided to open practices in Northampton. At the time, none of the local orthodontists were interested in taking on an associate so I "hung out my own shingle." Ten years later, I brought on a full partner, Dr. Joan Walder. Together, we have three offices.

I attended my first College meeting, along with my husband, twelve years ago when it was in Maine, practically in my backyard. I was intrigued by the theme which was about self-ligating brackets, a hot topic at the time. Jim was intrigued by the golf! We have not missed a meeting since!

The uniqueness of this meeting centers around the camaraderie of our fellow orthodontists and a true love of learning. Science is the overwhelming theme. Science is the foundation of our profession, and this meeting provides an intimate setting for discussions with some of the best orthodontic minds in the world.

Family is another unique aspect of this yearly meeting. This is your summer vacation! Our locations are chosen with family in mind. This coming year, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho is a spectacular venue and is great for all ages.



Being a woman in this profession, becoming board certified was especially important to me. Now, almost 40 years later, it is momentarily important to our profession as a whole. We are facing many challenges. The future of our specialty is dependent on increasing the number of board-certified orthodontists.

As President of the council this year, my goal and that of my fellow councilors is to continue the College tradition. Our mission has not changed:

"To promote and support the pursuit of enhanced quality of care through the process of ABO certification, re-certification, and continuing education."

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Reminder

Go to www.cdabo.org for info and registration on upcoming College events and ordering Step Beyond Brochures online.

Welcome New Executive Director

It is a pleasure to welcome Kerry Dunn as our new Executive Director. In high school, Kerry wrote for the newspaper and yearbook and was an award-winning public speaker. In her freshman year of college, she wrote for the yearbook as well. She originally studied mass communications in college with a focus on broadcast journalism but switched her major to hotel and restaurant management after her sophomore year. She spent sixteen years working in the hotel world and her favorite role was as the head concierge in a historic hotel in downtown Nashville. She has had her own company since 2006, first focused on event planning and now governance.

"I love sports and bleed Crimson, Jayhawk blue and Vandy Boys black and gold, unlike the rest of my family who wear that orange... which is not in my color wheel! My brother-in-law will tell you that I am a bandwagon fan but he is just jealous that I know how to pick winners. I LOVE old houses and buildings. As an adult, I have never lived in a house built after 1949. I would love to oversee the restoration and renovation of one someday. Besides sports and old houses and buildings, I love travel, the theater, concerts, and the mountains.

As we move toward the 50th anniversary of the College, there is great opportunity to cement our legacy—with the Prep Course, with our Resident Case Display competition and possible future endeavors, while continuing to offer acclaimed scientific programming during our family-friendly College Annual Meeting; all of which will help grow our membership and our impact.



Kerry Dunn, new
Executive Director

I believe that my extensive background in governance, marketing, event production and strategic planning will help the College achieve this. I look forward to reporting our successes over the next several years."

Kerry Dunn, Executive Director
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However, the means of accomplishing this mission has changed. As you know, over the last three years, the ABO has transformed the certification exam to a scenario based format. This change along with the Covid challenges of meeting and teaching in person have been particularly demanding. Our prep course committee should be commended for keeping up with these constant changes and the rewriting of our curriculum.

As a result of the new exam format, the ABO has announced that 58% of AAO eligible orthodontists are now certified. What an amazing feat especially given that this was achieved during a global pandemic!

With the number of newly certified orthodontists, we would like to see the college membership increase. Our annual meeting is truly a unique family oriented educational meeting.

If you have not attended a college meeting before, make 2023 your first. If it's been a while, renew your friendships. And for those who have attended before, reach out to your newly board-certified colleagues, neighbors and acquaintances, and spread the word!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda".

Dr. Linda E. Rigali
President, College of Diplomates of the
American Board of Orthodontics

Learn more about the 2023 Annual Meeting...

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We launched the meeting on Friday afternoon with an ABO prep course which was very well attended. The welcome reception was held Friday evening on the front lawn at the Fairmont with a poke station and other delicious, fresh California dinner options, including local Sonoma wines. A musician set the tone for a relaxing evening together. On Saturday, we began our outstanding lectures, including Dr. David R. Musich who gave the Dr. Ray Thurow Honorary Lecture called, *Now That's a Great Smile—How Did You Get It?* Dr. Juan Martin Palomo followed with *Sleep Apnea in Orthodontics*. Spouses and children went on bike rides through the beautiful countryside and visited Snoopy's Home Ice at the Charles Schulz Museum. On Sunday, Dr. Ambrosina Michelotti gave a lecture entitled *How to Handle TMJ Patients During Orthodontic Treatment*, followed by Dr. Jose Nelson Mucha's talk called *Top Ten Tips for Excellence in Orthodontic Finishing*. Finally, Dr. Sandra Khong Tai's lecture, *Clear Aligners: The Future Evolution of Orthodontics*, was presented on Monday morning. Thank you to all of our phenomenal speakers!

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Enthusiastic ABO prep course attendees.



College Council and ABO board members in discussion.



Meeting attendees enjoy opening reception.



Meeting attendees in lecture and exhibits.



Dr. Sandy Bigman leads ice skating activity on Snoopy's Home Ice.



Young and old enjoy playful activities.



On Sunday evening, everyone attended the President's Dinner at the beautiful Viansa Winery in Sonoma, featuring Tuscan food and Viansa's impeccable wines. During the dinner, the 2021 Founders Award was presented to Dr. Robert Moss, while Dr. Allen Moffitt received the Dr. Samir Bishara Award of Merit for the year 2021. The 2020 Dr. Samir Bishara Award of Merit was presented to Dr. Lee Graber. We also said thank you and goodbye to our parting Executive Directors Kristi and Dave Burmeister and welcomed Kerry Dunn, our new Executive Director.



Outgoing Executive Director Kristi Burmeister receives gift from College Council painted by Dr. Dan Rejman.



Meeting attendees enjoy President's Dinner festivities at Viansa Winery.



Dr. Dan Rejman honored as outgoing President by incoming President Dr. Linda Rigali.

My profound thanks to our General Chair, Dr. Sandy Bigman and our Golf Chair, Dr. Jim Clayton, along with every member of the Council who supported the Sonoma conference in some way.

In addition, thank you all for allowing me to serve on the College Council for the last eight years, and for serving as President for 2021-2022. It was an absolute pleasure.

I look forward to seeing you all in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho from July 14-17 hosted by our President, Linda Rigali!



AWARD WINNERS RECOGNIZED AT COLLEGE MEETING

The College's most prestigious awards were given at the Annual Meeting. The 2021 Founder award was presented to Dr. Robert Moss for his years of service to the College. Because of the pandemic, the 2020 Dr. Samir Bishara Award of Merit was delayed until 2022. Dr. Lee Graber was the recipient of that award. The 2021 Dr. Samir Bishara Award of Merit was presented to Dr. Allen Moffitt.



2020 Dr. Samir Bishara Award of Merit given to Dr. Lee Graber by Drs. Dan Rejman and Sandy Bigman.



2021 Dr. Samir Bishara Award of Merit given to Dr. Allen Moffitt by Dr. Robert Vaughn.



2021 Founder Award given to Dr. Robert Moss by Dr. Robert Vaughn.

We get a Mulligan!

2023 College Annual Meeting to be held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

By Dr. Linda E. Reigali

As President of the College for 2022-2023, I am thrilled to announce that our annual meeting for 2023 has been rescheduled for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 14-17. Thanks to the incredible work that Past President Dr. Bruce Goldstein and his wife Jill did for our 2020 meeting, we are able to have a do over.

However, you won't get a Mulligan on the resort's 14th hole. This world class golf course features The Floating Green, which is in the middle of the lake that can be tethered from 120 to 180 yards from the tee. For those golfers, bring your sticks and extra balls!

**“I have one word for you,
JUST ONE WORD...
PLASTICS”**



This iconic quote from the 1964 Dustin Hoffman movie, *The Graduate*, epitomizes today's orthodontics! Learn the science behind today's aligners. "Plastic" is here to stay. Embrace how orthodontists can use this modality to treat with amazing results. As with any system, learn the limitations. What plastic is best for you; name brand or print your own? Learn how hybrid treatments can take your treatment options into the future! Options and science in one intimate interactive setting without pressure from corporate intents.

Incredible Speakers

Our speaker line up is incredible. Scientific chair, Dr. Jae Park, has put together a stellar program. Whether or not you embrace clear aligner therapy, you will want to learn the science behind plastic.

- + **Dr. Jae Park, Scientific Chair**
Various Applications of TADs in Contemporary Orthodontics
- + **Dr. S Jay Bowman**
Plastic...It's Fantastic! But Predictable?
- + **Dr. Won Moon**
Clear Aligner Treatment for Premolar Extraction Cases
- + **Dr. Greg Huang**
Aligners: Past, Present and Future
- + **Dr. Il-Hyung Yang (South Korea)**
CAD/CAM and Clear Aligners
- + **Dr. Neil Kravitz**
Hybrid Orthodontic Treatment (Combining Braces and Clear Aligners)
- + **Dr. Nikhilesh R. Vaid (UAE)**
Aligner Evidence Through the Clinician's Lens
- + **Dr. Ki Beom Kim**
Direct Print Aligners: Disruptive Technology
- + **Dr. Rooz Khosravi**
In-house Aligners

Dr. Bruce Goldstein designed spectacular activities for all and we are extremely fortunate to be able to duplicate those efforts, as Dr. Goldstein will be our General Chair for the meeting. The resort is easy to get to as it is only a 30 minute drive from Spokane airport. Both *Conde Nast* and *Travel + Leisure* magazines have honored the resort. Its prime lakefront location, luxurious amenities and world class service make it a special vacation spot. There are activities for all ages as your outdoor playground awaits. The venue is situated on a beautiful lake so water sports of all types including boating, parasailing, and fishing are available. A newly designed park is adjacent to the hotel that is ideal for young families to enjoy. Hiking and biking trails are easily accessible. To relax you can take a stroll around town, chill on the beach or enjoy the world class spa. For more adventure, one of the best zip line courses in the country will be available.



Sherman Avenue near 4th Street in Coeur d'Alene. Kirk Fisher / Shutterstock.com



Burning sky over lake Coeur d'Alene. Kirk Fisher / Shutterstock.com

Coeur d'Alene is all about the lake as we host a family friendly lake cruise, cocktails and appetizers included. There will be an opportunity to see secluded lakefront homes of the rich and famous. Ranked as one of America's top restaurants, Beverly's has an incredible view of the lake and one of the largest wine cellars. A private wine dinner will be available for an evening of exceptional cuisine. Daily yoga overlooking the lake will be a must. Family breakfasts, book club and children's programs will keep everyone busy.

As you arrange your summer itinerary, make sure to include these special events in your plans. To supplement your family vacation, the location is easily accessible to Yellowstone, the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. You do not want to miss this meeting! Please register early as this will be prime time in northern Idaho. Jim and I look forward to seeing you in July.

One stop, enjoyable atmosphere, comradery and a fun family vacation with up to 14 hours of CE credits available!

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SCAN FOR A SNEAK PEEK



Coeur d'Alene's prime lakefront location, luxurious amenities and world class service make it a special vacation spot.



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2024 Meeting to be Held in Savannah, Georgia

By Dr. Ashok Kothari, 2023-2024 College President

Navigating Tough Challenges will be the central theme for the College Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia, March 8-11, 2024. This family-oriented meeting with an excellent scientific program is being planned at this historic, scenic location that has been named one of the top five cities to visit in the U.S. We are planning to have speakers who will focus on interdisciplinary approaches to treatment of complex cases.

The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, originally booked for the 2021 Annual Meeting that was cancelled due to COVID, is easily accessible to the Savannah International Airport. Nestled on the north bank of the Savannah River, the Westin is a short but scenic water taxi ride to downtown. The resort is home to a new tennis complex, luxurious spa, a year-round heated pool overlooking the river, and a challenging golf course that was a stop on the PGA senior tour. To relax you may take a stroll in town and wander the prettiest street in America, explore numerous roof tops, dine at popular restaurants or drive 30 minutes to reach the Atlantic Ocean.



The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa.

The meeting will provide an enriching professional experience along with a wonderful family spring vacation. The College looks forward to seeing all of you at Savannah in March 2024.

Go to www.cdabo.org for additional information on future meetings.

2025 Meeting to be Held in Colorado Springs, Colorado

By Dr. Sandy Bigman, 2024-2025 College President

Get ready for the exciting College Annual Meeting at the sensational, world-famous Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, July 11-14-2025. See <https://vimeo.com/725462553>.

We are celebrating “Back to the Future” with a fantastic international program put together by our scientific chair Dr. Matthew Ng. The prospective topics include multidisciplinary treatment, surgical orthodontic considerations, esthetics and digital orthodontics.



The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
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The Broadmoor is a COMPLETE resort. You can fly directly into Colorado Springs or Denver. There is zip lining, waterfall hiking, bowling, movies, infinity pools, two famous golf courses, tennis courts on site as well as a world-famous spa. The Broadmoor has many restaurants in addition to galleries and shopping. You literally don't have to leave the premises.

As you plan your vacation, there are numerous attractions in the surrounding area that can be included in your plans. At the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo you can feed the largest concentration of giraffes in North America. You can visit Pikes Peak mountain, the beautiful Garden of the Gods state park, or tour the Air Force Academy with its famous cathedral.

The College looks forward to seeing you at this exciting venue. So gear up for the adventure and join us in 2025!



WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Dr. Nipul K. Tanna

Dr. Tanna received his BS from Juniata College and his DMD from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine. He then continued post graduate education and completed an Advanced Education in General Dentistry at Penn. Upon completion of the post-doctoral program in general dentistry, Dr. Tanna remained at Penn and engaged in teaching and clinical practice. Dr. Tanna accepted a full-time faculty appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative & Preventive Sciences. Dr. Tanna engaged in clinical practice, clinical teaching, research and administration for many years. With a strong desire to pursue further post-doctoral studies, Dr. Tanna completed advanced specialty training in both orthodontics and periodontics. During this time, he also completed a Masters in Oral Biology. Following completion of the dual specialty program in orthodontics and periodontics, Dr. Tanna completed his board certification and is presently a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics as well as the American Board of Periodontology. Dr. Tanna is currently the Program Director of the combined program in Orthodontics/Periodontics, Associate Chair in The Department of Orthodontics and an Associate Professor of Clinical Orthodontics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Tanna is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, the Academy of Periodontology, the Academy of Osseointegration, the American Dental Education Association, the American Dental Association, the Pennsylvania Dental Association and the Philadelphia County Dental Society.

"As a College Council Member, I hope to encourage more orthodontists to pursue board certification. My objectives as a full-time educator are to maintain high standards of quality in orthodontic education, orthodontic treatment, orthodontic research and to foster an environment that facilitates lifelong learning. The College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics shares similar views for maintaining high standards through education and lifelong learning. Members of the College family encourage and foster an environment that allows for professional and personal growth. I look forward to working with my colleagues so that, together, we can continue advancing our specialty to higher levels."



Dr. Nipul Tanna with wife Reshma

The Next Generation

Past Presidents Dr. Robert Moss and Dr. Robert Vaught both have daughters who work with them, who are board certified orthodontists and College members! Dr. Moss' daughter Catharine Moss Brannan has been in practice with him for three years. She became board certified in 2021 and became a College member that same year. Catharine's sister Ashley Meador is also an orthodontist who completed her boards in 2018 and joined the College in 2019. She works with her husband Mike in their pedo-ortho practice in Foley, Alabama. Dr. Vaught's daughter Kate has been in practice with him for four years. She became board certified at the November 2020 exam and joined the College right after hearing she passed the exam, early 2021.

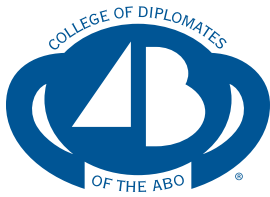
Looking forward to having these accomplished young practitioners be part of the College leadership!



Drs. Robert Moss and Catharine Moss Brannan.



Drs. Robert Vaught and Kate Vaught.



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